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SUBJECT: MEXICO CONDITIONS ATTENDANCE AT MFM ON CUBAN
PRESENCE

1. WIRE SERVICE REPORTS DATELINED HAVANA (PL, AP, AFP, EFE) ON JANUARY 23 QUOTE MEXICAN SECRETARY OF NATIONAL PATRIMONY FRANCISCO JAVIER ALEJO AS SAYING THAT WHILE MEXICO HAS NO DESIRE TO BOYCOTT THE MARCH MFM IN BUENOS AIRES, MEXICO WILL ATTEND ONLY IF CUBA DOES. ALEJO IS REPORTEDLY IN HAVANA TO DISCUSS MEANS OF "ACCELERATING THE PROCESS OF BRINGING MEXICO AND CUBA CLOSER TOGETHER ON ECONOMIC AND TRADE MATTERS" AND CREATION OF MEXICAN-VENEZUELAN SPONSORED SISTEMA ECONOMICA LATINOAMERICANA -- SELA." (RADIO REPORT SAYS FOREIGN SECRETARIAT HAD NO COMMENT ON SUBJECT, OTHER THAN THAT IT DID NOT HAVE TEXT OF ALEJO STATEMENT.)

2. EMBASSY FINDS IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT ALEJO WOULD MAKE SUCH STATEMENT WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION BY PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA. NOR DOES EMBASSY BELIEVE THAT GOM DELIBERATELY EXPRESSED CITED INTENTION THROUGH ALEJO, RATHER THAN FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA, IN ORDER THAT POSITION MIGHT LATER BE "CLARIFIED" OR DISCLAIMED. THIS WOULD UNDERMINE CREDIBILITY
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AND STANDING OF ALEJO, BRAND-NEW CABINET MINISTER WHO SEEMS

TO ENJOY COMPLETE CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT OF ECHEVERRIA. ON THE OTHER HAND, FACT THAT ALEJO MADE THIS IMPORTANT PRO- NOUNCEMENT ON FOREIGN POLICY RATHER THAN RABASA (EVEN IF LATTER WAS INFORMED IN ADVANCE THAT STATEMENT WAS TO BE MADE) TENDS TO WEAKEN SOMEWHAT FURTHER THE POSITION OF RABASA. FOREIGN SECRETARY, HOWEVER, HAS ON PREVIOUS OCCA- SIONS HAD RUG PULLED OUT FROM UNDER HIM BY ECHEVERRIA OR OTHERS AND BY NOW SHOULD BE USED TO PICKING HIMSELF LOYALLY OFF FLOOR. IT IS INTERESTING AND RELEVANT THAT RABASA'S PRESS CRITICS HAVE RECENTLY SAID HE WAS REMISS IN NOT HAVING ALREADY TAKEN A POSITION SIMILAR TO THAT ANNOUNCED, NOW, BY ALEJO. JOVA

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